

Teacher Instructions for Theme Sorting Activity

1. Print a set of passages for the entire group.
2. Print the sheet for each theme (perseverance, honesty, kindness).
3. Students will cut the passages out and place them on the appropriate theme page.

Theme Sorting Activity - Passages

The day of the big race had finally arrived. Jessica had trained for weeks. She made it through the first 12 miles with no trouble, but she was getting tired. Jessica thought back to her training and decided she would not fail. She was going to cross that finish line, no matter what. As she crossed the finish line, she noticed that she beat her previous best time by 5 minutes!

Seth couldn't believe his good luck. He forgot his snack money, but he found two shiny quarters on the floor in the hallway! He quickly picked them up and put them in his pocket. At snack time, Seth noticed that Hunter looked sad. "What's wrong, Hunter?" he said. "I lost my money for snack. I had it in the hallway earlier," Hunter replied. Seth reached into his pocket and handed the two quarters to Hunter.

Rachel was looking forward to the school talent show, but she was nervous. What if she forgot the routine? What if she fell down? The music started, and Rachel began to dance. Suddenly, her brain froze and she couldn't think of the next move. She stood there for a few seconds, stunned, then made up her own moves for the rest of the song. When the music stopped, Rachel couldn't believe her eyes. The entire student body was applauding wildly!

Tyrone walked into the school. It was so big! His old school was much smaller. He walked into the classroom and took a look around. "Welcome, Tyrone!" Mrs. Collins said. "Would anyone like to volunteer to show our new student around today?" she asked. Everyone glanced around the room nervously. Eli raised his hand and said, "I will, Mrs. Collins." Tyrone felt better already.

Katie and Brandon had just arrived at the annual Kite Festival. Katie took off with her kite, which was soaring overhead with ease. Brandon tried to get his kite off the ground several times with no luck. Katie walked over to Brandon and said, "Hold my kite. I'll help you." She was able to get the kite to fly with no problems. Brandon said, "Thanks, Katie! You're a true friend."

Scarlett was going to be in big trouble. She knocked her mom's glass of iced tea over on the white carpet. Her mom came in the room, looked at Scarlett's baby brother, and said, "Micah, did you do this?" Scarlett knew that Micah couldn't talk, but she didn't want her mom to be mad at him. "It was me, Mom," Scarlett admitted. They worked together to clean up the mess.

Nathan's mind went blank when his teacher put the test on his desk. "You can do this," he said to himself. He answered every question and had time to spare.

Theme: Show Kindness to Others

Theme: Honesty – Tell the Truth

Theme: Perseverance – Never Give Up